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*Our right to control  
our bodies, lives,  
and futures is  
under attack.*

*Anti-abortion rights  
politicians continue  
to make it clear:  
they will not stop  
at trying to ban  
abortion. They want  
to take away birth  
control, STI testing,  
and more.”*

*- Alexis McGill Johnson,  
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# **THE ABORTION RIGHTS LIE DETECTOR**

**WHEN  
THEY  
SAY THIS.**

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# WHEN ANTI-ABORTION POLITICIANS SAY

## THESE THINGS, THEY'RE LYING

Anti-abortion members of Congress have seen the writing on the wall and are (rhetorically) trying to distance themselves from the decades-long effort to control our bodies and lives by banning abortion and restricting access to sexual and reproductive health care.

But their words don't match their actions, and we must be prepared for the lies these politicians will tell to attempt to cover their records. They've said what they've said, and they've done what they've done – and we have the receipts.

### LIE #1:

**"We support access to birth control."**

**The Truth:** Anti-abortion lawmakers in the House completely eliminated funding for Title X in the Labor HHS appropriations bill. Title X is the only federal program dedicated to providing sexual and reproductive health care services to people with low incomes – this includes birth control. In the State and Foreign Operations appropriations bill, they cut funding for international family planning programs by nearly 25%. And they banned funding for the UN's sexual and reproductive health agency (UNFPA), which provides access to care, including birth control, in some of the most challenging settings around the world.

### LIE #3:

**"We don't want to restrict medication abortion."**

**The Truth:** Nearly 150 anti-abortion members of Congress called on the Supreme Court to restrict medication abortion, following the 67 members who asked the courts to overturn FDA approval of mifepristone entirely. Anti-abortion lawmakers included a provision to restrict medication abortion in the Fiscal Year 2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies bill, which was passed out of committee along party lines.

### LIE #2:

**"We support women's equality."**

**The Truth:** Anti-abortion members of the House tried – and failed – to pass an amendment to defund the White House Gender Policy Council in their annual Financial Services funding bill. That's the office charged with advancing gender equality across federal programs: managing comprehensive efforts to address things like systemic discrimination, economic security and wage gaps, gender-based violence, and yes, access to comprehensive health care, including sexual and reproductive health. This was yet another attempt to restrict reproductive freedom and bring us closer to a nationwide abortion ban.

### LIE #4:

**"We support health care for our communities."**

**The Truth:** House Speaker Mike Johnson is aiming to pass a measure to "defund" Planned Parenthood affiliate health centers, taking away this essential health care from the very people they represent. Planned Parenthood affiliate health centers served 2.1 million patients in 2021 alone, providing 4.4 million tests and treatments for sexually transmitted infections, nearly 200,000 breast exams, more than 228,000 Pap tests, and birth control to nearly 1.6 million people. Seventy-six (76%) of Planned Parenthood affiliate health centers are located in health professional shortage areas, rural, and medically underserved communities.

**Join in pushing back against the lies!**

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